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*Two suspicious cases on the steamship Newcastle from Tampico.*

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,  
via Port Penn, Del., September 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my telegram of this date as follows:

Steamship *Newcastle*, eight days from Tampico, arrived 3 p. m., yesterday; 2 sick. Observed eighteen hours; strongly suspect mild yellow fever. Vessel now underway for Breakwater to leave sick; Goldberger in charge. Have notified Young.

Upon boarding the *Newcastle* yesterday the entire crew appeared at muster, but the clinical thermometer revealed 2 men with marked elevation of temperature—Johnson with 40.8° C., pulse 104; Scott with 41° C., pulse 108. Further examination showed the men to be quite ill.

Johnson had been taken sick suddenly the night previous to entering the capes (September 16) with chill, pains in head and back, and fever. He claimed to have had yellow fever in New Orleans in 1898.

Scott was taken with much the same symptoms the same night. He made no claims to immunity.

Both men stated that they had been in excellent health previous to their sudden attacks.

At daylight this morning Johnson's temperature was 38.8° C., pulse 90; face much flushed; pain in back and head; some nausea; epigastrium and region of gall bladder very tender; gums congested; eyes slightly suffused; urine contains about 10 per cent moist albumin.

Scott's condition at the same hour was as follows: Temperature, 39.7° C.; pulse, 108; does not complain of much pain; gums spongy and bleed easily; breath foul; eyes and general surface suffused; no albuminuria.

At 11 a. m., after making careful examination for plasmodia in the blood of both patients, their cases were considered suspicious enough for radical action, and the vessel was sent to the breakwater to leave the sick and such other men as she could spare. She will return to this quarantine by daylight to-morrow, when the work of disinfection will begin.

At Tampico the *Newcastle* lay seven days at a dock, discharging coal, and though the master claims that his crew did not go ashore, he states that the ship swarmed with people from the shore. The *Newcastle* is a comparatively new vessel and has been running between Baltimore and Mexican ports.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

*Arrival at New Orleans of the steamship Auguste, from Glasgow.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 9, 1900.

SIR: The steamship *Auguste*, from Glasgow, is now undergoing disinfection at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station; also the steamship *Volage*, from Rio de Janeiro.

Respectfully,

EDMOND SOUCHON, M. D.,  
President Louisiana State Board of Health.

*Report of the tornado at Galveston.*

GALVESTON, TEX., September 11, 1900.

SIR: I sent you a dispatch yesterday giving you a few facts in regard to the tornado which wrecked this island on the 8th day of September and